

The Sinclair Broadcast Group's decision to force their 62 local stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary instead of regular programming just days before the election is electioneering, a clear violation of federal election laws, and another example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, basically subsidized by the public, and it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for them and less of what we need for our democracy. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They should be advised that their actions are unacceptable. Thank you.